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CHAPTER V

TRADES AND PROFESSIONS

463 Most artisans in the rural settlements are cultivators

as well, plying their special trade in the by-season. The

[256] home industries continue to be practised in the seaport

towns, where certain of them, such as rice-cleaning, are con-

ducted wholesale (No. 184). The largest plant used in

[388] the country villages is the oil-mill (*stahn*). The cooking-

[252] oil of Burma is pressed from the seed of sesamum (*hnan*),

a black grain resembling



102. OIL-MILL

• [402] rape. It is not so delicate as olive oil, but is used for adulterating the latter. Oil-cake is used for fodder. The mill consists of a great mortar made of the

000 trunk of some hard-timbered tree with a pestle of the same. *Hnan* is grown as